



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Gilles Jourdin ) VAL1599P0251US  
Serial No.: 10/057,406 )  
Filed: January 23, 2002 ) Group Art Unit: 3727  
For: DEVICE FOR FASTENING A ) Confirmation No.: 1614  
DISTRIBUTION COMPONENT )  
ON A VESSEL NECK )  
Examiner: James N. Smalley )

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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner For Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action Paper No. 4 dated March 10, 2003.

Applicant hereby provisionally elects for prosecution in the application at this time claims 1-7 drawn to the device.

An action on the merits of the elected claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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